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**Applicants:** MARIEN et al.  
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Sir:

**LETTER SUBMITTED WITH ISSUE FEE PAYMENT**

Attorney for applicants takes issue with the statement made by the examiner in the "Examiner Note" at the top of page 3 in the Notice of Allowance for the above-identified patent application.

Specifically, there is no basis in the application or in its prosecution history for the examiner's statement "The instant application has **no containment shield** and the variation in thickness is in the outer envelope." (emphasis added)

As is clearly recited in claim 1, last paragraph "the high-pressure discharge lamp does not comprise a shield **for containing a burst of the discharge vessel**" (emphasis added). This does eliminate coverage of the claims to lamps having any type of containment shield whatsoever, as is implied by the examiner's statement.

Respectfully submitted,

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